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SUBJ: BIO DATA ON GRAHAM FREUDENBERG AND LADY BUNTING
IN PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM'S PARTY

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1. GRAHAM FREUDENBERG- GRAHAM FREUDENBERG IS A SPECIAL ADVISER ON THE PERSONAL STAFF OF PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM WHO SPECIALIZED IN WRITING SPEECHES. BORN IN BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND , MAY 12, 1934, HE WORKED ON NEWSPAPERS IN BRISBANE, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE, 1952-61. FROM 1961 66, HE WAS PRESS SECRETARY TO THEN LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, 1967-72. FRUEDENBERG HAS TRAVELLED OVER-SEAS WITH WHITLAM TO THE UNITED STATES (1969), VIET-NAM (1968,1969), AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (1971).

2. FRUEDENBERG IS SHY AND RETIRING IN PERSONALITY. WHEN ASKED BY THE EMBASSY WHAT HIS PRINCIPAL SPORTS AND RECORATIONS ARE, HE JUST LAUGHED IN REPLY. HE IS TOTALLY DEDICATED TO HIS JOB AND TO PRIME MIN. WHITLAM.

3. LADY BUNTING- LADY BUNTING IS THE WIFE OF SIR JOHN BUNTING, SECRETARY OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

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THE BUNTING'S WILL BE ACCOMPANYING PRIME MINISTER

WHITLAM ON HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. IN JULY, AS THEY
ACCOMPANIED FORMER PRIME MINISTER MCMAHON ON HIS VISIT
TO THE U.S. IN NOVEMBER, 1971.

4. MRS. BUNTING IS THE FORMER PAULING PEGGY BUNTING,
BORN JUNE 27, 1920, AT SPEER'S POINT, NEW SOUTH WALES.
LADY BUNTING IS UNIVERSALLY CALLED PEG BY THE WIDE
RANGE OF AMERICAN FRIENDS SHE HAS KNOWS OVER THE YEARS
IN CANBERRA. PEG BUNTING WAS EDUCATED AT RUYTON ACADEMY
IN MELBOURNE, HER INTERESTS INCLUDE TENNIS, GOLF,
READING, GARDENING, AND PAINTING. SHE ACCOMPANIED HER
HUSBAND TO ENGLAND, WHEN SIR JOHN WAS IN THE AUSTRALIAN
HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON, 1953-55. PEG BUNTING IS
ONE OF THE MOST CHARMING OF WOMEN--SHE IS QUITE UN-
AFFECTED BY THE HIGH POSITION OF HER HUSBAND.
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